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Felony DUI & Child Endangerment Arrest

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Heather Maria Maassen, age 30, of Santa Barbara was arrested for felony DUI and felony child endangerment following a traffic collision that caused her vehicle to roll over and resulted in injuries. Two boys were passengers in her car, Maassen's 11-year old son and his 9-year old friend.

On June 16, 2013, at 6:49 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to a call of a rollover traffic collision on 00 W. Gutierrez Street. Upon arrival they found a blue Honda Civic resting on its roof in the roadway. As a result of the collision Maassen and her two passengers complained of pain; the 9-year old was transported by paramedics to Cottage Hospital Emergency Room for medical evaluation.

Investigation indicates that Maassen was driving her vehicle westbound in the #2 (north side) lane of 00 W. Gutierrez Street when she veered to the right and struck two parked cars. The force of the collision caused her car to roll over onto its roof. Investigation further indicated that Maassen was impaired at the time of the collision. Officer Christina Ortega conducted a DUI investigation and subsequently arrested Maassen. Following her arrest Maassen acknowledged using methamphetamine earlier in the day.

Maassen was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$100,000.00. Photo provided by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office.

This is the third DUI traffic collision in four weeks in Santa Barbara resulting in a felony child endangerment arrest.



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